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Chairman: Mr. St. Aimée ..... (Saint Lucia)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

Pacific regional seminar (A/AC.109/2010/18)

2. **The Chairman** recalled that the Government of New Caledonia, with the backing of the Government of France, had offered to host the Pacific regional seminar in Nouméa, New Caledonia, from 18 to 20 May 2010. As in the past, the Committee would also celebrate the Week of Solidarity with the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories at the seminar. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to proceed accordingly.

3. *It was so decided.*

Composition of the official delegation of the Special Committee

4. **The Chairman** recalled that the Committee's official delegation to the seminar would comprise the Bureau members and one Committee member from each regional group. The United Nations would bear the travel costs of the members of that delegation. Noting that the Group of Eastern European Countries would be represented at the seminar by the Russian Federation, he urged members of the Bureau and the Committee to hold informal consultations on the composition of the official delegation of the Committee as a matter of priority in order to complete the selection process before 30 March 2010.

Extension of invitations to experts and organizations

5. **The Chairman** said that the Bureau had decided to suggest that invitations to attend the seminar should be extended to the selected experts and non-governmental organizations. The list would be reviewed by the Bureau and subsequently circulated to all members of the Committee. He requested the Committee's authorization to finalize the list of experts and organizations to be invited to the seminar.

6. He took it that the Committee wished to authorize the Chairman to finalize the list of experts and organizations invited to the seminar.

7. *It was so decided.*

8. **The Chairman** said that, in accordance with a previous decision of the Committee, invitations to the seminar would also be extended to all elected and appointed officials of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, as well as to States not members of the Committee, administering Powers, specialized agencies within the United Nations system and some regional organizations. The United Nations would bear the travel costs of the three experts, three NGOs and representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, but not those of representatives of States not members of the Committee, administering Powers, or intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other experts who might wish to attend.

Guidelines, rules of procedure and agenda of the seminar

9. **The Chairman** drew attention to the guidelines and rules of procedure for the seminar, as contained in document A/AC.109/2010/18. The text was basically the same as in previous years, except for the venue, dates and languages used by the seminar, English and French, to reflect the fact that it was being held in a French-speaking country.

10. He took it that the Committee wished to approve the guidelines and rules of procedure and agenda of the seminar.

11. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.